



George H.W. Bush Presidential Library

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Jason Smathers
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Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter is in response to your request dated October 30, 2010 for release of information from the George Bush Presidential Library under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)(5 U.S.C., as amended). Your request was received by the Bush Library on November 3, 2010.

We have performed a search of our collection for material related to your request for communication between President Bush and his spiritual advisors, including Billy Graham. We have not been able to find evidence that President Bush consulted any specific individuals regarding spiritual matters, so the results of our search focus on Dr. Graham. Approximately 126 pages of Bush Presidential records and approximately 1160 pages of Bush Vice Presidential records must be processed in order to respond to your request. Please keep in mind that the page total is an estimate and that all pages processed might not be applicable to your specific topic. In addition, approximately 84 pages were previously processed and are available at this time. You can request that we copy these records at a reproduction fee of \$.75 per page, or you can choose to view these documents in the research room of the Bush Library where a self-service copier is available for the price of \$.20 a page. If you request copies, we will do a preliminary page count and calculate the total copy fee. Upon receipt of the fee, we can deliver the copies either in paper form or on compact disc. There is no charge for the search and processing.

The staff of the Bush Library is currently processing and reviewing FOIA requests that precede your request. To treat everyone equitably, we have placed your request in our processing queue by the date it was received in our office. There are currently 34 cases before this one. FOIA requests received by the Bush Library are processed and reviewed for access under provisions of the FOIA and are subject to Executive Order 13526, which requires that we notify the representatives of the former President and the incumbent President prior to the release of any documents. Also, it should be noted that many of the documents processed in response to your request may be closed in whole or part in compliance with FOIA restrictions. When processing is completed and the notification period has passed, we will inform you of the availability of the requested records. At that point, you can request that we copy these records as outlined above.

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, please contact our staff at (979) 691-4041. Your case log number is 2011-0256-F. Please have this number accessible for reference during any future contact concerning this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Holzweiss".

ROBERT HOLZWEISS
Supervisory Archivist
George Bush Presidential Library

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